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## The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Announces the 2023 Architecture Awards

(New Haven, CT, January 4, 2024) The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Connecticut) celebrated their annual Awards Gala on December 7<sup>th</sup> at The Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT.

The occasion commemorates the achievements in residential and commercial architecture, recognizing the influential role architecture plays in shaping business performance. It also highlights emerging professionals who have demonstrated exceptional contributions to their field and underscores the profound impact individuals or groups can have on the world of architecture and our organization.

A total of 46 awards were conferred upon both individuals and firms from a pool of 197 submissions. Additionally, the event featured the acknowledgment of membership milestones, commemorating 25- and 50-year achievements. The pinnacle of the ceremony was the announcement of the 2023 Project of the Year, **Chengdu Museum of Natural History**, Pelli Clarke & Partners, New Haven, CT, an extraordinary project recognized by the Design Awards Jury for standing out among the submissions.

"Once again, we have the opportunity to celebrate and applaud design excellence in Connecticut and beyond, recognizing the profound impact of architecture," said Gina Calabro, AIA Connecticut Executive Director and CEO. "These firms and individuals, chosen by juries of their peers, stand as a testament to exceptional creativity and innovation."

The awardees of the evening included:

### Alice Washburn Awards

The Alice Washburn Awards are named for the distinguished Connecticut designer and builder of the 1920's, largely self-taught, whose work is known for her thoughtful stylistic and programmatic invention. Focusing on style, the program acknowledges excellence in traditional house design through the thoughtful adaptation of tradition to address 21st-century needs. Works are located in Connecticut and designed in a style broadly considered as "traditional". [Alice Washburn Awards Page](#)

#### Accessory Buildings

*Excellence*

Pool House

J.P. Franzen Associates Architects, P.C.; Southport CT

*Commendation for Expressive Exterior*

Gold Residence

Duo Dickinson Architect; Madison, CT

#### Additions/Renovations

*Excellence*

Tudor Revival

Haver & Skolnick Architects; Roxbury, CT

#### New Construction

*Excellence*



Mid-Country Manor

VanderHorn Architects; Greenwich, CT

*Merit*

Connecticut River Shingle

VanderHorn Architects; Greenwich, CT

### Elizabeth Mills Brown Awards

The Elizabeth Mills Brown Awards recognize design excellence in the restoration, rehabilitation, adaptation, and reuse of historic structures. The award is named after and honors the work of Betty Brown, a prominent Connecticut architectural historian, preservationist, civic leader, and author of the extraordinarily comprehensive and meticulously researched *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture and Urban Design* (Yale University Press, 1976). This award is presented in conjunction with Preservation Connecticut. [Elizabeth Mills Brown Awards Page](#)

*Excellence*

Martin Luther King Jr. Campus  
Tudor Home

JCJ Architecture; Hartford, CT  
Saniee Architects LLC; Greenwich, CT

*Merit*

Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School  
Christ Church Cathedral

QA+M Architecture; Farmington, CT  
Duo Dickinson Architect; Madison, CT

*Commendation for a Sympathetic Addition*

Tudor Revival

Haver & Skolnick Architects; Roxbury, CT

### Sustainable Architecture Awards

The Sustainable Architecture Awards recognize the efforts of licensed Connecticut architects who have developed and demonstrated ways to decrease Green House Gases, reduce energy use and demand, and conserve water use in the built or natural environments. Equally important is the creation of durable, comfortable, and healthy spaces. The award attempts to raise the public awareness of the current climate crisis and the massive role played by construction, maintenance, and operations of the built environment. The Sustainable Architecture Awards also honor the climate change initiatives of AIA Connecticut and Connecticut Passive House to secure a more sustainable and environmentally thriving future. [Sustainable Architecture Awards Page](#)

### Renovations, Adaptive Re-Use, or Retro-Fit

*Excellence and Commendation for Implementation of All-Electric Commercial Kitchen and Commendation for Interactive Learning Features*

Buckley Elementary School

TSKP Studio, LLC; Hartford, CT

*Excellence*

King's Block

Patriquin Architects; New Haven, CT

*Merit*

6 Maple Street – Preservation, Adaptive  
Reuse & Deep Energy Retrofit

Wyeth Architects; Chester, CT

### Drawing Awards

The Drawing Awards are a biennial awards program that recognize excellence in architectural drawing. [Drawing Awards Page](#)

*Excellence*

Ice Arena

Brendan O'Rourke; The S/L/A/M Collaborative



Leon Cathedral  
Stubborn Farmer

Brian Varano, AIA; Silver Petrucelli & Associates  
Brendan O'Rourke; The S/L/A/M Collaborative

*Merit*

Goodwin University Technical High School  
Painter Perch  
Whimsical Treehouse Study

Rocco Petitto, AIA; QA+M Architecture  
Charles Haver, AIA; Haver & Skolnick Architects  
Ronald Quicquaro, AIA; Studio Q Architecture

## Design Awards

The Design Awards recognize design excellence of built and unbuilt work in Connecticut or in other locations by Connecticut-based firms. [Design Awards Page](#)

## Adaptive Re-Use

*Merit*

Care Resource  
Iona University, Kelly Center for Health  
Sciences

David Scott Parker Architects, LLC; Southport, CT  
The S/L/A/M Collaborative; Glastonbury, CT

## Architecture: Encompassing Art

*Merit*

Interwoven

Atelier Cho Thompson; New Haven, CT

## Commercial, Institutional, Educational, or Multi-Family Residential Design (over 25,000 sq. ft.)

*Excellence*

Chengdu Museum of Natural History  
Grinnell College, Humanities & Social  
Studies Center

Pelli Clarke & Partners; New Haven, CT  
Page Southerland Page; Boston, MA

*Merit*

540 New Park  
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Buckley Elementary School  
Casa Blanca Community School

Amenta Emma Architects; Hartford, CT  
Pelli Clarke & Partners; New Haven, CT  
TSKP Studio, LLC; Hartford, CT  
JCJ Architecture; Hartford, CT

## Commercial, Institutional, Educational, or Multi-Family Residential Design (under 25,000 sq. ft.)

*Excellence*

Horse Island Research Station

Gray Organschi Architecture; New Haven, CT

*Merit*

Rutgers University, Student Projects Studio

The S/L/A/M Collaborative; Glastonbury, CT

## Interior Architecture

*Excellence*

Leather Factory Lobby  
MOCA Workshop

Atelier Cho Thompson; New Haven, CT  
Atelier Cho Thompson; New Haven, CT

## Residential Architecture

*Commendation for Beautiful Consideration of Light, Materials, & Context*

Nauset Beach House

Gray Organschi Architecture; New Haven, CT



## Unbuilt Design

### Merit

1633 Broadway Redevelopment  
Mozambique Preschool

Pickard Chilton; New Haven, CT  
Anibal Bellomio, AIA; Lucia Venditti;  
Gabriel Wajnerman

The following individuals and firms were also recognized during the evening.

## Women in Architecture Awards

This award program honors practicing female architects in Connecticut who demonstrate design excellence, promote equitable & sustainable practice, and are affecting change in the profession.

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Amanda Martocchio, AIA  
Ming Thompson, AIA, NOMA

Amanda Martocchio Architecture  
Atelier Cho Thompson

## Emerging Professionals Awards

This awards program recognizes and supports emerging, graduate architects who have made outstanding, innovative contributions to the discipline and/or profession and have rendered exemplary service in the public realm. [Emerging Professional Awards Page](#)

Cassandra Archer, AIA, NOMA  
Laura Bedus, AIA, NOMA

Centerbrook Architects and Planners  
JCJ Architecture

## Connecticut Treasures

This award features the wealth and diversity of buildings from each of the eight Connecticut counties. The public is invited every year to vote for a favorite building for this state-wide award. [Connecticut Treasures Awards Page](#)

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Waterbury, CT; New Haven County

## Public Service Award

The Public Service Awards acknowledge the impact that an individual or group can have on the world of Architecture. [Public Service Awards Page](#)

Darren Hobbs, Deputy Commissioner

Real Estate & Construction Services (RECS),  
Department of Administrative Services; State of CT  
Preservation Connecticut

Christopher Wigren, Deputy Director

## President's Award

Member-volunteers are and will always be AIA Connecticut's greatest asset. Instituted in 2018, the President's Award recognizes an AIA Connecticut architect member who has made outstanding contributions to our organization through participation, service, and promotion of AIA CT's mission and vision. [President's Awards Page](#)

Jose Hernandez, AIA, NOMA

Newman Architects

## Allied Members of the Year

Launched in 2018, the Allied Member of the Year Award recognizes Allied Members who are not architects, but by their interest, participation, and concern have promoted and contributed significantly to the profession of architecture through their membership and participation in AIA Connecticut. [Allied Member of the Year Awards Page](#)



**Maria DeFiore, Assoc. AIA**

Ring's End, Inc.

### **Volunteers of the Year**

AIA Connecticut honors our volunteers for their support and assistance through committee work and acknowledges their service on the Volunteer of the Year plaque that hangs in the AIA Connecticut office. [Volunteer of the Year Awards Page](#)

**Brian Baril, AIA**

**Dom DiCenzo, Executive Director**

A/Z Construction

Connecticut Concrete Promotion Council/

Build with Strength

Additional information and images are available at the links above or at <https://aiact.org/honors-awards-2/>

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#### *About AIA Connecticut:*

AIA Connecticut, a statewide chapter of the American Institute of Architects, serves the architectural profession, encourages design excellence, and works to improve society through a concern for the quality of the built and natural environments. Members commit themselves to the highest standards of practice and code of ethics that addresses responsibilities to the public, clients, the building industry, and the art and science of architecture.

AIA Connecticut serves as a resource to architects and the public. Its membership of over 1,500 is comprised of architects, associates working towards licensure, students, and professionals in affiliated fields.

For more information, visit AIA Connecticut's website at [www.aiact.org](http://www.aiact.org)